

# THE COMFORTS OF CHRISTMAS!

Xmas is the time to have the home comfortable; furniture is the most noticeable of  
**REAL COMFORT AND CONTENTMENT**

*Contentment in Surroundings is  
Contentment in the heart*

Good Furniture makes a Christmas Home a place of  
Perfect Pleasure the Whole Year 'Round.

**OUR CHRISTMAS SELECTION IS  
COMPLETE IN HOLIDAY SPIRIT**

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## Disposition of Kaiser

One of the favorite topics of conversation just now is as to what should be done with William Hohenzollern, ex-emperor of Germany. Various degrees of penalty are discussed, the most merciful of which is usually death.

It is a very big question and people in responsible positions are thinking hard and not saving much about it. We made this war primarily because Germany broke international law. We must be careful to have all our acts in accordance with legalized customs of nations.

The parallel that comes to everyone's mind is the confinement for life of Napoleon Bonaparte on the island of St. Helena. This penalty was not exacted out of revenge or to expiate his crimes. It was imposed because men saw nothing but war in sight so long as he was a free man.

Similarly the Kaiser and his friends will always be plotting for him to get back to the throne of Germany. Some observers are claiming already that the majority of the Germans favor his restoration. If the mass of the Germans have become thoroughly sick of monarchical government, the danger represented by the Kaiser will be much less. Still there will always be the chance that a revulsion of popular feeling will bring him back to power lusting for revenge.

International authorities are looking up the question whether the extradition of the Kaiser can be demanded from Holland. It would hardly be worth while to make war on Holland to require his surrender, but other forms of diplomatic pressure would no doubt accomplish the same end. Before the allied powers retire from German soil, they must consider the Kaiser's future very carefully. He will be a peril as long as he lives. He abundantly merits the death penalty. The trouble is that when you begin to impose this punishment, some millions of others equally deserve it.

What a beautiful Christmas present one of those handsome women's coats you can buy so well worth the money at Kespohl-Mohrenstechers!

A Trenton, N. Y. woman is searching for her seventy-year-old husband. Men must be mighty scarce in that part of the country.

Food restrictions have made it necessary for many a stout woman to reduce, greatly to the benefit of her appearance and health. Now that sugar and wheat are easier to obtain, we hope that she will not begin to indulge in them as formerly. If she does she will be sure to lose what she has gained in gaining what she has lost.

When the Indians taught the white settlers of this country how to raise corn, no flight of the imagination could have foreseen the crop of 1918, covering nearly 178,000 square miles, or nearly as much land as there is in Germany.

You are not supposed to buy your best girl but one pound of candy for Christmas this year, but you might put three or four thrift stamps in the box to show her that you are not a piker.

It would be interesting to know whether a young man whose regiment is disbanded after receiving one-fourth of its training in an American cantonment would accurately be described as a soldier or as a demisemi-soldier.

The voices of Germany and Austria crying "Bread, Bread" must be heeded and answered. Would it not be a good plan, however, to answer them with war bread? We can spare it.

Wonderful Christmas assortments of hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, hand-bags, ready made waists, undermuslins, etc., at Kespohl-Mohrenstechers!

Men call themselves lovers of variety, yet they expect their wives to brew their coffee every morning for twenty years without changing the strength or flavor.

## Save That Machine

Rust is the arch enemy of farm machinery—why let your stuff rust? The plow that won't shed is the one that wasn't kept in the shed.

The farmer who leaves his binder or corn-planter out in the weather is a true friend of the Kaiser.

The higher priced the farm wagons go the bigger is the need to put that wagon into its shed when not in actual use.

Saving the expense of a cheap shed loses many a man many times its cost annually through loss of farm machinery.

Save that machine—you may not be able to buy another next because there may not be enough new ones to go round.

The farmer who leaves a binder a plow or any other farm implements out in the weather during the fall and winter is disloyal to the best interests of his farm and his nation.

The greatest asset of our community is the men and women who buy of home merchants. It is the purpose of our paper to help our local merchants to hold that asset for our town. They can do it if they will make proper use of our paper to tell their people where they can find merchandise of established reputation.

Thanksgiving has passed and most every one had more to be thankful for than in the past and ardent hope is that Christmas times will see many of our boys around our festal board enjoying the many good things mother know so well how to fix.

Miss Susie Stewart of Winston, Mo., was recently placed with the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City and is the second student of the Chillicothe Business College to enter this big bank's employ during the past month and the fourth this fall.

We should judge by recent appearances that many of the hobos who were obliged by war regulations to work had now gone back to their original profession.

In winning the war food proved an effective weapon; in keeping it won food will be our most valuable tool.

People who cease to fight do not cease to eat.

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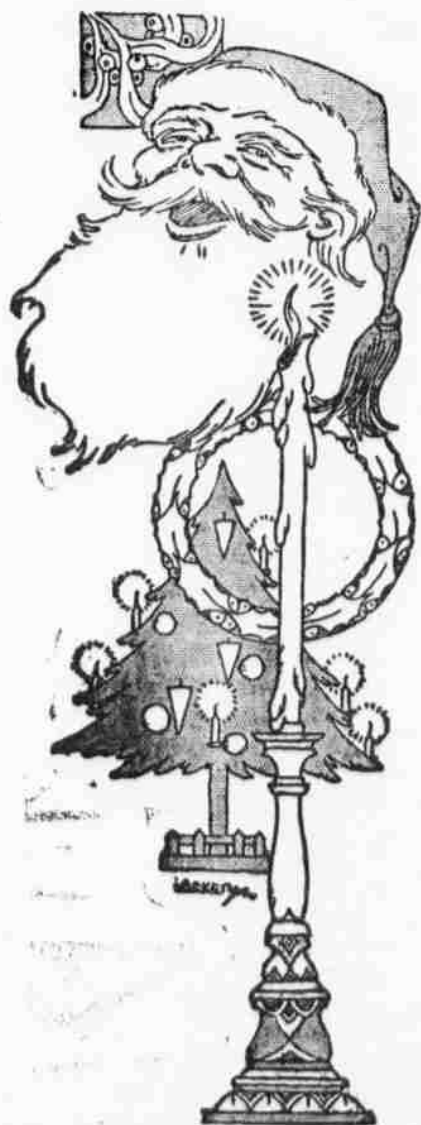
## Peace and Prices

One of the first statements coming from the War Department following the signing of the armistice, was to the effect that more than a billion dollars worth of contracts had been cancelled. That was but the beginning of the retirement by Uncle Sam from the buying counter and the start on the return trip to conditions of peace in our industrial life.

Roughly calculated the trade barometer is more than twice as high as in July, 1914. Statistics furnished by R. G. Dun show that provisions, clothing, metals, and every kind of commodity doubled and trebled in prices between July 1, 1860 and September 1, 1864. The effects of our Civil War also radically affected prices in the European nations. The end of the Civil War was in sight in the fall of 1864, and the decline in prices dates from that period. It continued until the midsummer of 1869. In all commodities the peace decline amounted to 77.5 of the war rise in the United States. In other words for every dollar the typical commodity went up during the Civil War it went down seventy-five cents in the following five years. The first radical drop was in wages, but this was restored considerably, and the rise continued until the panic of 1873, when labor received a serious setback from which it recovered gradually in the coming years. Materials used in all branches of industry started rapidly on the decline in 1864, and very soon there was a general fall of about sixty per cent. As noted the readjustment, or "reconstruction period" finally found a level when the increased price amounting to a dollar went down to seventy-five cents. And there the country remained for many years, until new conditions made new values and new prices.

So there is your answer to the question: "Will prices go back to where they were before the war?"

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We Carry Only the Best**

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